

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

*Minutes of the Meeting
September 6, 1988*

ATTENDANCE

1.1. Members Present. Anderson, Bandstra, Bethel, Breault, Carey, Chaffin, Cook, Coon, Devlin, Doneth, Ferdowski, Frank, Gillette, Groner, Hanson, Hardman, Henry, Johnson, Johnston, Linta, Lovsted, Maas, Matrosic, McNabb, Murray, Nerbonne, Oldfield, Payton, Pearson, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Ravell, Russell, Spagnuolo, Sickelsteel, Stich, Valas.

1.2. Members Absent. Janzen, Shansky.

1.3. Guests. I. Barnes, K. Manley, G. Nash, R. Tiede.

CALL TO ORDER

2.1. President Oldfield called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. at Winter's Creek.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. The minutes of the July 12 meeting were approved with the names of Senators Anderson and Linta moved to the list of Members Present and the correction of Cross's title in paragraph 8.1. to "Assistant Dean of GILL."

FACULTY FORUM

4.1. There were no concerns presented by the faculty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5.1. Interim University President Tiede briefly extended his welcome and best wishes to the Senate as it embarks on a new academic year and pledged his support and cooperation in the workings of the Senate.

5.2. Academic Affairs Vice President Nash reported that fall quarter enrollment is currently at 11,400, greatly straining the university's resources.

5.3. Oldfield read to the Senate the communication delivered from the Executive Board to the Board of Control in July outlining the specific qualifications desirable in a new university president. He further announced that on September 15 and 16 a presidential search consultation team will visit the campus prior to making recommendations concerning the appointment of a presidential search committee.

5.4. The Board of Control Retreat in August was attended by President Oldfield and Past President Gillette, who are hopeful of a closer working relationship with the Board in the coming year.

5.5. The Board of Control Academic Policy Committee has asked to meet with the Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee, and Oldfield reported that the Board is seeking increased input from the faculty.

5.6. Oldfield solicited volunteers for service on a variety of committees for the coming year, including the Semester Feasibility Committee, the Faculty Evaluation for Development Committee, the Elections Committee, the Senate Appointments Committee, the Faculty Orientation Committee, and the Open-Door Admissions Policy Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Curriculum Committee

6.1. Pomnichowski reported that the following items have been deemed minor curriculum changes and have been forwarded to the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs:

6.2. The School of Education:

- revision of Secretarial Teaching Major
- revision of Office Administration Teaching Major
- revision of Office Administration Teaching Minor
- revision of General Business Teaching Minor
- addition of PE 430, Advanced Athletic Training

Academic Disciplinary Review Committee

7.1. Hanson reported that the committee has begun gathering data and is planning a faculty/administration survey for early fall. A final report is expected by the end of fall quarter.

University Parking Committee

8.1. Matrosic represented the Senate on the ad hoc University Parking Committee, which has arrived at three recommendations concerning the persistent parking problems: 1) that no changes be made at the present time regarding the Rankin Center Parking Lot, 2) that the entire university parking system be thoroughly examined, and 3) that an outside consulting firm be hired to examine the parking system.

OLD BUSINESS

Student Academic Affairs Council Minutes

9.1. Pomnichowski moved that the Senate request the Student Academic Affairs Council to send the minutes of its meetings regularly to the Academic Senate. Linta supported. Motion carried.

Academic Program Review Manual

10.1. Carey moved that the Senate approve the Academic Program Review Manual as the operating procedures guide for the Senate's academic program review process. Maas supported.

10.2. Henry moved to postpone action on the Academic Program Review Manual until the faculty has had the opportunity to review the document. Devlin supported. Discussion followed focusing on the necessity of beginning the program review process as soon as possible and in which it was pointed out that, in the past, guidelines of the Curriculum Councils have not been presented to the full faculty for approval. Motion to postpone failed.

10.3. Questions on the document were answered by committee members Matrosic and Dean Isabel Barnes. Among the concerns raised were the apparent complexity of the process, the large number of faculty members required to complete it, and the methods of selecting the various committees to conduct the program reviews. Following discussion, **the main motion carried.**

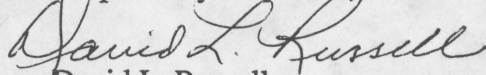
NEXT MEETING

11.1. The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 1988, in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

ADJOURNMENT

12.1. President Oldfield declared the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David L. Russell
Secretary

Approved:

